

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A material carrier including a transporter for transporting material between said material carrier and a material destination ~~situated at a busy location which is difficult to access~~ wherein the transporter comprises:

a frame part,

a support platform which is displaceable upward and downward relative to the frame part between an elevated position and a lowered position, wherein

a floor of said material carrier is provided with a recess extending substantially vertically ~~accessible~~, and

the support platform corresponds to a peripheral profile of the recess so that at least a part of the upper surface of the support platform serves as a part of the floor of the material carrier.

21. (Currently Amended) The carrier according to claim 20 in which the transporter is provided with ~~fixing means~~ a locking mechanism for fastening the transporter to the material carrier when the support platform is fitted in the floor of the material carrier.

22. (Currently Amended) The carrier according to claim 20, wherein the support platform is provided with at least one wheel, which wheel is mounted on the transporter so as to be foldable between a storage, non-use position and a position of use, wherein the wheel has a diameter substantially larger than the thickness of the support platform.

23. (Previously Presented) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the support platform takes a form such that it can be inserted into and removed from a pallet opening.

24. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a fork-like support element arranged on the frame part, which fork-like element is arranged such that it extends forward under the support platform when in use.

25. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 24, wherein the fork element is provided on the front side with one or more rollers.

26. (Currently Amended) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, further provided with a ~~source of energy~~ device for upward and downward displacement of the platform and/or forward/rearward displacement of the transporter.

27. (Previously Presented) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, provided with steering means for steering the transporter between a loading and unloading area.

28. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fixing means comprise the platform and the fork-like support, wherein the fork-like support can be fixed under an opening of the freight carrier and wherein the platform can be fixed to the floor of the same freight carrier opening, so that the floor of the freight carrier is sandwiched between the fork support and the platform.

29. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, further comprising transporting means, preferably a pallet truck, which transporting means can be releasably coupled to the transporter.

30. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fork element is displaceable up and downward by means of a piston rod mechanism mounted between the fork element and the frame part.

31. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the support comprises two protruding upper forks which are provided with locking holes.

32. (Withdrawn) The carrier as claimed in claim 20, comprising a locking mechanism which comprises two mutually opposite pivotable locking nose elements which are pivotable between a first locking position, wherein the nose elements extend into the holes of the upper forks of the transporter, and a second release position.

33. (Previously Presented) A method for transporting goods using a material carrier, comprising the steps of driving the material carrier to a parking area suitable for the purpose, placing the goods to be unloaded on the platform of a transporter, displacing the fork elements of the transporter downward until they come into contact with the ground, removing the transporter from the carrier opening and displacing the transporter platform downward, whereafter the transporter and the goods can be displaced to the desired location.

34. (Currently Amended) A method for transporting goods using a material carrier, comprising the steps of:

placing cargo from a loading space of the material carrier onto a transporter of which the top side of a support platform is ~~smoothly accessed from~~ substantially flush with the floor of the loading spaces;

displacing the transporter downward; and

driving away ~~transporting means~~ the carrier releasably coupled to the transporter.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for transporting goods using a transporter, for transporting material between a material carrier and a material destination, wherein the transporter comprises a frame part, a support platform which is ~~displacable~~ displaceable upward and downward on the frame part between an elevated position and a lowered position, wherein, when lowered into an intermediate position, the support platform has a substantially flush ~~connection, to~~ connection with the surface of the cargo container of the material carrier, comprising the steps of driving the freight

carrier to a parking area ~~suitable for the purpose~~, placing the goods to be unloaded on the platform of the transporter over said flush connection, removing the transporter from the material carrier and displacing the transporter platform downward, whereafter the transporter and the goods can be displaced to the desired location.

36. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, further comprising steps for placing the support platform of the transporter in a recess of a floor of the loading area of the material carrier.